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OF THE

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MUSKINGUM

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION;

HELD WITH THE

LEXINGTON CHURCH,

NEW LEXINGTON, PERRY COUNTY, OHIO,

August 24, 25 and 26, 1881.

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Minutes of the Muskingum Baptist Association,

Held with the Lexington Church, at Lew Lexington, Perry County, Ohio, August 24, 25 and 26, 1881.

AUGUST 24—10 o'clock A. M. The association met pursuant to adjournment. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. Barker, from 1st Corinthian, 1st chapter, 23d and 24th verses. The letters from the several Churches were called for by the former Moderator and read, and the Messengers' names enrolled and statistics noted as follows:

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.	MINISTERS AND TIMES OF HOLDING MEETINGS.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total Number	Contributions
Falls of Licking, Musk. Co.; Abram Dorsey, J. D. Shaw, W. F. Baker	E. Barker, 2d Lord's day, John A. Thomas, 4th Lord's day,	...	...	...	2	...	1	55	$ 5 95
Hopewell, Perry County; John Forsythe, Alex. Melick,	D. G. Barker, 1st Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	1	22	2 50
Union, Perry Co.; J. Grove, Amos Hite, Samuel Buriff,	G. A. Tussing, 4th Lord's day,	3	...	...	...	...	1	26	4 00
Lancaster, Fairfield Co.; Jonas Fartig, G. W. Starner,	Wm. Fisher, 4th Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	1 50
Lexington, Perry Co.; J. Bell. F. McKeever, G W Moore,	John J. Vanhorn, 4th Lord's day,	3	...	..	3	...	4	46	5 00
Timber Run, Musk. Co.; John J Vanhorn, John Bolin. G. D. Burley	W. H. Hickman 3d Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	2 35
Bethel, Noble Co.; Joshua Davis, John Gill	E. Barker	1	...	...	...	...	1	39	4 10
Buelah, Musk. Co.; S. Frances, S. Redmond, J. R. Rector	John Prichard, 1st Lord's day,	1	1	...	...	...	...	35	2 45
Mt. Pleasant, Perry Co.. L. Richards, L. Burley,	John Croy, 3d Lord's day	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	1 30
York, Morgan Co.; Wm. Newlon, John Newlon,	John Croy, 4th Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	1 25
Zoar, Musk. Co.; S. Martin, L. French,	John Croy, 2d Lord's day	...	3	...	...	...	...	19	1 75
Mt. Olive, Morgan Co.; John Croy, D. F. Matthews,	No Regular Pastor,. 1st Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	2 00
Scott's Creek, Hocking Co.; L. Davis, A. Nixon, J. Clark,	D. G. Barker, 2d Lord's day	...	...	...	...	...	1	63	4 00
Goshen, Musk Co; Wm. S. West, Thos, Humphrey,	W. H. Hickman, 2d and 4th Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	1	26	2 25
Pleasant Hi'l, Licking Co.; J. Holmes, A. B Claget, J. W. Painter,	John Prichard, 4th Lord's day,	1	...	...	1	...	1	53	6 68
Enon, Guernsey Co.; R. Reed, Edward Lee, Jos. Watson,	W. H. Hickman, 1st Lord's day	2	...	...	...	...	...	23	1 50
Jonathan's Creek, Licking Co.; John Gutridge, Dan'l Norman, E Barker,	E. Barker, 4th Lord's day	1	...	...	...	...	...	50	3 00
Monday Creek, Perry Co.; J. W. Nixon, G. W. Nye,	Wm. Newlon, 1st Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	1	14	1 00
St. Louisville, Licking Co., J. Prichard,	John Prichard, 2d Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	3 00
Fallsburgh, Licking Co.; No letter nor Messenger,		...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Friendship, at Hog Run, Licking Co.; A. T. Jury, S. E. Rhodes, Alfred Beall	J. A. Thomas, 3d Lord's day	...	2	...	1	...	...	32	3 00
Friendship, near Linnville, Licking Co.; S. Meredith, Wm. Field, D. G. Dickinson,	John J. Vanhorn, 2d Lord's day,	4	1	...	...	...	3	29	2 65
Harmony, Licking Co.; Sam'l Rugg, Joseph Beaver, Ephraim Richards,	G. N. Tussing, 2d Lo.d's day	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	2 85
Totals,		16	7		7		15	666	$64 13

NOTE—Saturday before the Lord's day mentioned in the foregoing table is the day of business of the respective Churches,

Association adjourned until 1 o'clock. Benediction by Elder Prichard.

One o'clock P. M. Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder John Croy.

1. The Messengers' names were called.

2. Organized for the present session by choosing Elder John J. Vanhorn Moderator, and G. W. Moore Clerk.

3. Committees were appointed as follows:

On Arrangements—John Gutridge, Wesley Painter, Ephraim Richards.

On Preaching.—Wm. Fields, S. Burriff, Elder John Prichard,

On Funds.—Jacob Gove, Thomas Humphrey and Lewis French.

On Visitation Meetings.—Elder G. D. Burley, James Holmes, and A. Nixon.

4. Churches wishing to unite with this Association called for.

5. Correspondence from sister associations was called for, which were represented as follows:

Miami—Elder Reed and Minutes.
Scioto.—Elder John Hoppes.
Sandusky.—Elder Sewartout and Minutes.
Pocatalico.—Elder Melton.
Owl Creek Harmony.—Minutes.

6. Associations wishing to open correspondence with this Association called for.

7. Corresponding Messengers to sister associations were appointed as follows:

Miami—Elder John Prichard.
Scioto.—Elder E. Barker.
Sandusky.—Elder John J. Vanhorn.
Pocatalico.—Elder John J. Vanhorn.
Owl Creek Harmony.—Elder E. Barker.

8. The Circular Letter written by Elder George D. Burley. and the Corresponding Letter written by Elder E. Barker, were called for and read, and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

9. The Committee on Preaching report Elders Swarthout, Sawing and Tussing for to-morrow. Report adopted.

10. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder Melton.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 25—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Reed.

1. The Messengers' names were called.

2. The Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum were read.

3. The Committee on Arrangements report the Minutes of last year as the order of business.

4. The Circular and Corresponding Letters were adopted after some change in the Circular Letter.

5. That the reports of the Committees on Funds and Visitation Meetings be handed in to the Clerk at any time during the present session, as they are not ready to report at present.

6. Brother Lewis French to write the Circular Letter, and Brother Ephraim Richards to write the Corresponding Letter for next year.

7. The next Association to be held with the Pleasant Hill Church in Licking county, five miles north of Hanover Station which is on the Pan Handle Railroad, to commence on Friday before the fourth Lord's day in August, 1882, at 10 o'clock A. M., Elder John J. Vanhorn to preach the introductory Sermon; in case of failure, Elder Wm. Newlon.

8. The Committee on Funds report $64 13 appropriated as follows: Minutes, $20 00; Clerk, $5 00; Correspondence—Miami, $7 00; Sandusky, $8 00; Owl Creek Harmony, $5 00; Scioto, $5 13; Pocatalico, $14 00.

9. The Committee on Visitation Meetings reported, and the report was adopted, as follows:

Falls of Licking—Second Lord's day in December, Elder John Prichard. Second Lord's day in May at upper house, Elder D. G. Barker.

Hopewell—First Lord's day in June, Elder John Prichard,

Union—Fourth Lord's day in May, Elders Tussing and Vanhorn.

Lancaster—Fifth Lord's day in October, Elder John Croy.

Lexington—Fourth Lord's day in June, Elders Tussing and Vanhorn.

Timber Run.—Third Lord's day in May, Elders Tussing and Cole.

Bethel—First Lords day in October, Elders Croy and Newlon.

Buelah—First Lord's day in June, Elders D. G. Barker and Thomas.

Mt. Pleasant—Third Lord's day in October, Elder J. J. Vanhorn.

York—Fourth Lord's day in October. Elders Levi Davis and Croy.

Zoar—Fifth Lord's day in October, Elder Hickman.

Goshen—Fourth Lord's day in October, Elder Prichard, and fourth Lord's day in May, Elder Thomas.

Pleasant Hill—Fifth Lord's day in October, Elder G. N. Tussing.

Enon—Third Lord's day in October, Elder G. D. Burley

Jonathan's Creek—Fifth Lord's day in October, Elder D. G. Barker.

St. Louisville—Second Lord's day in December, Elder E. Barker.

Friendship (near Linnville)—Second Lord's day in June, Elders Prichard and Vanhorn.

Harmony—Fifth Lords day in April, Elders G. D. Burley and Croy.

NOTE---All the above meetings to commence on Saturday preceding the Lord's day mentioned, at 11 o'clock,

10. The Committee on Preaching report Ashbrook, Reed and Line for to-morrow. The report was adopted.

11. The Minutes were read and approved.

12. Adjourned to the time and place above written.

Prayer by Elder John Prichard.

Elder JOHN J. VANHORN, Moderator,

G. W. MOORE. Clerk.

CARD OF THANKS.

We, the members of the Muskingum Baptist Association, do hereby return our thanks to Mrs. Benjamin Carroll for the use of her pleasant grove, and for her kindness in assisting to prepare the same for the Association.

The meeting just over has been in many respects very pleasant, notwithstanding the dry and warm weather, the dusty roads, and scarcity of water. The congregations were large, the preaching was all of a piece, and the people went home seeming well satisfied. May the Lord bless the people.

CLERK.

Preaching on the Stand.

Wednesday P. M.—Elder Hoppes, from St. John XIV, 6.

Thursday A. M.—Elder Melton, 2d Timothy, I, 7, 8, 9; Elder Swartout, Acts IV, 11, 12. P. M.—Elder Sawing, Songs of Solomon, V. 12, 13, 14, 15; Elder G. N. Tussing, Hebrews VI, 18.

Friday A M.—Elder Ashbrook, Eph. II, 1 to 9; Elder Reed, Romans V, 24. P. M.—Elder Line, 89 Psalm, 15 verse.

NOTE---The congregation not being ready to leave yet, Elder D. G. Barker preached an interesting discourse from Isaiah 43, 1st and 2d verses.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Muskingum Baptist Association to the several Churches composing her body sendeth Christian love.

Dear Brethren in the Lord:

Another year has passed away, and we, as an Association, have the privilege in the providence of God of meeting together again. And, as it is expected that a Circular Letter be in our Minutes, we send you the following for your serious consideration, hoping that the same, by the blessing of God, may be of use to you. We have chosen for a subject the word

PEACE.

James III, 18: "And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace to them that make peace."

Peace is the element in which the children of God thrive, and they cannot be happy without it. We know that when man was created he had peace and communion with God, and the reason of not having peace now is on account of transgression. By one man's disobedience many were made sinners. There is a river the streams whereof make glad the city of our God; a river of God's love and peace. The angels who surround the throne, who walk in God's ways, obeying His commandments, can say His ways are ways of pleasantness, and His paths are peace. Whenever we walk in the footsteps of Christ, walk in meekness, lowliness of heart, we find peace. Christ, knowing our natures—knowing that offenses would come, and that we must take up our cross and obey Him in order to have peace in His church, said, "If thy brother trespass against thee rebuke him, and if he repent thou shalt forgive. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn and say I repent, thou shalt forgive."

Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: when following after the world or the fleshy mind we cannot escape, but in me ye shall have peace."

Our peace is walking in His commandments. To be spiritual-minded is life and peace. The fruit of the spirit is peace. Whosoever looketh into the perfect law of liberty, not being a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, that man shall be blest in his deeds. Where the spirit of Christ is, there is liberty and there is peace. And would it not be more profitable to let every point that divides the children of God and does not interfere with our faith—our being born again, our baptism, our

duty to God, which is to fear God and keep His commandments; would it not be better to let them alone, than to sow discord, divide, speak evil one of another, hate, bite and devour one another, all for the sake of some notion which does not make us have more peace, more charity, when accomplished?

Let us strive for things that make for our peace, whereby we may edify one another. Christ is the Prince of Peace, and of his government and peace there shall be no end.

Corresponding Letter.

The Muskingum Baptist Association in session with the New Lexington Church Perry County, Ohio, August 24, 25 *and* 26, 1881, *to the Associations with whom she corresponds sendeth Christian Love:*

DEAR BRETHREN:

Another year is past and gone forever, and with it many of our fellow creatures have been called from earth. But we, as an Association, are permitced to meet and greet each other in Christian love. Your messengers have been gladly received by us, who came laden with Gospel truth. We wish a continuance of your Christian correspondence. May the Lord in His mercy keep us in peace. Farewell.